

FOR FEDERATION IN WORK OF CHURCHES

Dr. Hale of Lafayette Makes Strong Address--Local Council Is Formed For County--Some Starting Conditions Shown Among Denominations.

Marshall county now has a local council of the Interdenominational Church Council of Indiana. Last night at the Methodist church the following officers were elected:

President, Rev. F. O. Fraley, pastor of Plymouth Methodist church; vice president, O. S. Ellis of German township, present president of the county Sunday school association; secretary, Rev. C. G. Baker, pastor of Plymouth Christian church; treasurer, Rev. S. F. Hendricks of West township, of German Baptist Brethren.

This action was the result of the efforts being put forth in this county for the past week or more by representatives of the state council. A religious census of the county was taken, in order to know just how matters stood and a report of this condition was made at the session held Thursday afternoon and evening.

Dr. Hale's Address

In spite of the show, a small company gathered at the church to hear Dr. John P. Hale, of Lafayette, who is president of the State Council for federation. Dr. Hale's plea was for a federation of the church people for the more important work which all the churches want to do. His closing statement was that we have come to a new and great period in church history--the period of church federation throughout the land for the great work which the church is to do.

Sixteen million church members are now federated together working out the many problems of morals and religion to be solved, he said. Dr. Hale reviewed the history of the church to show how we came to the present condition. At first the apostles founded the church, there was only one church. Later this church became the dictator of all thought and no one dared think otherwise than as the church said. But Luther and Calvin did think, and they gave their thoughts to the world. This produced the Reformation, when there was a breaking up of the church and the forming of other denominations. These other denominations were themselves as dictatorial as the mother church, each claiming that it had the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Such positions made still other denominations, until today we are all split up into many useless sects, all trying to do the same work for the same master, Jesus Christ.

There is but one head, declared the doctor, and all churches are in the same body, working for the same purpose. He spoke very kindly of members of all denominations.

What the council in Indiana is trying to do, he said, is to begin quietly and do a few things together as we can. There is no compulsion. Nothing will be attempted except that on which all can agree. The first thing necessary is to educate the people in this direction. To show them how foolish it is for three or four weak struggling church denominations to exist in one small community, where one strong church for all the people might do much more for the people. In many places there is room for only one church and one pastor. Under the present arrangement many churches are wasting their home missionary money in trying to keep alive several churches when the people of the communities could themselves support one good church. In such places there should be union.

Another thing the council is doing is finding out the exact religious condition in each county, as they have just completed doing in this county. That is the first thing. After we know conditions, we can then know where and how to work.

Dr. Hale's address was a very strong and reasonable, a kindly yet powerful plea for the churches to get together for united effort in the larger and more important work which all are doing. Just as all other efforts in the country, of capital and labor, are combined for successful work, so ought the churches to combine for better work.

The Constitution

The purposes of the local council

formed Friday night are stated in the by-laws which read as follows:

Article I--Name and Membership. The name of this organization shall be The Church Council of Marshall County, Indiana. It shall consist of the pastor and one layman from each affiliating church together with any persons the council itself may appoint. The laymen shall be appointed in each church in ways conformable to its usage. These representatives shall serve on the Council until they are withdrawn or replaced by the church appointing them.

Article II--Object. Section 1. The object of this federation shall be the promotion of Christian interests in his community through the co-operation of the churches of Christ here located. The council exercises no authority. Co-operation in any proposed undertaking is voluntary.

Section 2. The Council is affiliated with the Interdenominational Council of the Churches of Christ in Indiana, and shares its aim to manifest the unity and increase the efficiency of Christ Church.

Article III--Officers. The officers of the Council shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer, who shall be elected annually and shall serve until the election of their successors. Their duties shall be those usually attaching to these offices respectively. Moneys shall be paid out by the treasurer only upon the order of the president or some other one designated by the Executive Committee.

Article IV--Section 1. The four officers named above shall constitute the Executive Committee, who shall propose plans for the Council and direct such parts of its work as are not committed to others. But the executive committee may add at its discretion to its own membership.

Section 2. Other Standing Committees may be appointed as need for them arises. All committees shall expire with the annual meeting following their appointment.

Article V--Meetings. Section 1. The annual meeting of the Council shall be held during the second week of January at an hour and place designated by the Executive Committee. At this time written reports shall be presented by the president, the treasurer and each of the standing committees, and officers and committees shall be chosen for the ensuing year.

Section 2. Other meetings may be called at any time by the executive committee.

Section 3. All members of the Council shall be duly notified of all meetings by the secretary. A quorum of at least seven members shall be necessary for the transaction of business.

Conditions In County.

The conditions shown by the religious census in this county will be quite startling to church people. Out of a population of 24,175 only 27.4 per cent. are church members. 72.6 per cent. non-church members.

There are 91 churches in the county, and these 91 churches are split up into 29 different varieties of faith, or denomination, as though they were trying to catch up with Seiz's 57 varieties. Of these 91 churches, 37.2 per cent. are growing, 20.5 per cent. are standing still, and 42.3 per cent. of them are actually losing ground.

One fourth of these 91 churches have not a young man under 21 years of age in their membership. There was found to be only one young man in the churches of Tippecanoe township and not one in all the churches of Green township. To impress this fact the canvassers made a chart on which were these significant words:

WANTED
A Church To Interest Young Men
Marshall County, Ind.,
91 Churches
25 have no Young Men
Under 21 Years of Age.

As Dr. Hale said in his address, the situation in Marshall county is not right, it is bad, it is not Christian. The only way to do better work is for all to work together.

Another startling card had this statement:
VILLAGE OF LAPAZ
252 inhabitants
20 belong to 3 village churches
48 other church members
12 denominations represented
No boy under 21 belongs to any church

93 people lean toward no church. The conditions in Tippecanoe township are equally as discouraging. The canvass shows that there of the 1222 inhabitants of the township, 88.2 per cent. are not members of any church. There are four churches in the township, none of them in even fair condition.

A relief is given from this picture by the Bremen Evangelical church, which shows 184 members; pays its pastor \$720 and parsonage; supports a missionary in China and gives \$1283 for home missions.

The religious denominations which compose the churches of the county are the following:

Amish Menonite
Baptist
Baptist (Old School)
Brethren
Catholic
Christian
Church of Christ, Scientist
Church of God (Adventist)
Church of God (Saints)
Come-Unters
Congregational
Disciples, or Christians
Evangelical Association
German Evangelical
Holiness
Lutheran
Lutheran (Synod of Missouri)
Lutheran (Swedish)
Methodist Episcopal
Methodist Protestant
Pentecostal Holiness
Presbyterian
Progressive Brethren
Reformed
Seventh Day Adventist
United Brethren
United Brethren (Old Constitution)
Wesleyan Methodist

Cooperation Needed.

Two communities were shown by the census where there were too many churches. In a district east of Plymouth in Center township there is a Lutheran, two Methodist Protestant, a Reformed and a Methodist church. These five churches have an average membership of 37. Three of them are losing ground, one is stationary and one is growing. All together they would make good strong church.

Another community in the region of Twin and Pretty lakes was shown five churches with a membership of 290. It was pointed out that there was an opportunity for federation.

Ages When Joining Church.

As showing the ages at which people join church the following facts are given on 10 additions to the churches of the county during the last twelve months:

Ages 12-16 15 Males, 25 females
Ages 17-20 8 males, 16 females
Ages 21-30 11 males, 8 females
Ages 31-80 8 males, 9 females
Another placard which was suggestive is this:

WANTED
A Man's Religion
Membership of Churches
Men 40 per cent.--Women 60 per cent.



MISS IDA M. HAINES
who has resigned her position as primary teacher in Plymouth schools after fifteen years of continuous work to accept the supervision of the Primary Department of Valparaiso University.

TEACHERS ARE IN THE CITY FOR THE WEEK

**ENROLLMENT FOR FIRST DAY
IS 160, WHICH IS FINE
SHOWING FOR INSTITUTE WEEK.**

GOOD STUDY PROGRAM

Distinguished Professors Give Lectures On Grammar, Psychology, Suggestion and School Government.

The work of the Teachers' Institute this year includes ten lectures by Dr. Rigdon, president of Winona College on Grammar, as follows:

1. The Study of Grammar.
2. The Field of Grammar.
3. The Order of Grammar Study.
4. The Order of Grammar Study.
5. A Study of Pronouns.
6. A Study of Pronouns.
7. The Attitude of the Learner.
8. Psychology.
9. Suggestion.
10. School Government.

Mrs. Julia Fried Walker has charge of the Primary Department of the Educator-Journal. She will give ten lectures on Primary work during the week.

Through the Department of Agricultural Extension, Purdue University, we have secured the assistance of Supt. John F. Haines who will be with us on Thursday and Friday. He will give four lectures on Agricultural in the Public Schools.

Mrs. Walker's Lecture.
Mrs. Walker began the work of

the session Monday afternoon by a talk on Primary Education. She showed that there has been a great evolution in the attitude toward the primary teacher. From the idea that any teacher was capable of directing the thoughts and energies of primary students, the present attitude is that it requires the very best of teachers--those whose temperament especially fits for the work.

She said that to be a successful teacher one must have the idea that the school is a partnership affair and that more must be put into the school than is gotten out. Good health is an absolute necessity. No teacher should attempt to teach who is ailing in any way.

She should be broad in her views, not narrow nor boorish. It is a crime, said Mrs. Walker, to send a child to a teacher who is both ill and of narrow vision.

The lecturer spoke of the extremes often practiced in over-decorating the school room with flowers, leaves and paper "art" work, and the never ending array of cheap pictures hung or tacked to the wall.

Prof. Rigdon's Lecture.

Professor Rigdon began his series of lectures by a talk on the field of Grammar. He showed to the teachers when and how Grammar should be studied. He showed how many teachers are responsible for a dislike of Literature among their pupils by mixing Grammar with Literature.

The two subjects are antagonistic, he declared, and cannot be studied together without injury to one or the other, and Literature is nearly always the losing study. Prof. Rigdon's rule is that you should never study Grammar with Literature but that Literature can be studied with Grammar.

The only use he had for Grammar in the study of Literature was to master words that are difficult to pronounce or understand, and to the peculiar construction of some sentences. These should be taken up before the literary work is begun.

Prof. Rigdon's work was very interesting, profitable and enjoyable to the teachers.

Prof. Rigdon's morning talk was on the "Order of Grammatical Study." He stated that the whole study should be taken up to find the important principle before going into details. His plan in the study of Grammar is to develop the idea of sentences and not the definition, as is often the case with many teachers. His outline, which was clearly illustrated on the blackboard:

- 1--Develop the idea of a sentence rather than that of a definition.
- 2--Develop the idea of subject and predicate.

Both lecturers, the teachers say, are very pleasing and interesting in their talks, and all are very delighted with the session.

Back From Georgia.

Moses A. Leland, one of the pioneers of Marshall county a veteran of the Civil war and for more than twenty years a resident of Plymouth, went to Fitzgerald, Georgia sixteen years ago and had not been here since that time until Monday evening. His health had not been good for several years before he left Plymouth, but he says he has not taken a drop of medicine for fourteen years. His wife died a few months ago after an illness of more than ten years and half of that time she was helpless as a child. Mr. Leland has prospered in Georgia and says there is no other climate like it for him. He will remain in this county a month or more making his headquarters at the home of his sister, Mrs. Miriam Marsh, in Argos.

Badly Injures Eye.

Glen Cole, while at work at the Democrat office last Saturday afternoon sustained a very painful injury to his left eye. He was putting the belt on the large press with a stick when the stick slipped, breaking in two and one end struck him in the eye and stuck there until pulled out. Several large pieces still remained and had to be removed by the doctor some time later.

At first Glen was unable to see out of either eye, but after a few minutes found the right eye as good as ever, although blood was dripping in a stream from the left. He hurried up to Dr. Knott's office and had the wound cared for.

Since the accident the injury has proved very painful and it will be several weeks at the least before it is completely healed. Mr. Cole will do but little work this week and rest the injured member as much as possible.

John Astley Very Ill.

John Astley was taken suddenly worse Saturday night and it is not expected now that he can recover. He became unconscious and does not seem to rally from the stupor. His

COUNTY VALUATION IS \$18,138,030

State Tax Board Reports on Railway Valuations, Which Amount To \$4,515,960--Last Year The County Valuation Was \$17,649,940.

Aug. 21--County Auditor Walker gave out today the information that the total valuation of the county has been made at \$18,138,030.

This includes railways, telegraph,

telephone and all other corporations assessed by the state tax board. The valuation of the railways alone is \$4,515,960. The valuation last year was \$17,649,940.

MARRIAGES

Wickey-Black.

A wedding of interest to a wide circle of friends was solemnized this morning at nine o'clock when Miss Gertrude Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Black, 709 North Hill street, South Bend, and Louis F. Wickey were united in marriage at St. Joseph's Catholic church, South Bend. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Mayne Black, as maid of honor, and George Hendricks of Chicago served as best man. Mrs. McCartney played Mendelssohn's wedding march for the entrance of the bridal party and during the ceremony Charles Seurich sang. The ushers were John Hiss and Herbert Goheen. The bride's gown was embroidered batiste while the maid of honor was gowned in yellow crepe de chene. Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast for 75 guests was served at the home of the bride's parents and the appointments of the table carried out the motif of yellow and white. After a brief honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Wickey will be at home at 424 North Hill street. Among the guests attending the wedding were Mrs. Christine Wickey, mother of the groom, and son, Alpha, Miss Josephine Wickey, Mrs. E. Pesch, Leo Pesch and Beatrice Ryan of Plymouth, Ind.; Miss Theresa Hendricks of Logansport; Mrs. J. P. and Marie Haas of Toronto, Canada; Miss Kittie Closs and George Hendricks of Chicago; and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clay of Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Seymour-Amone

At the U. B. parsonage on Thursday, August 17, Mr. Bruce L. Seymour and Miss Jennie E. Amone, both of Marshall county, were united in marriage by Rev. S. H. Yager. The groom is one of Bourbon township's energetic young farmers and is highly respected. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Amone of Bourbon township and a young lady highly esteemed. Mr. and Mrs. Seymour will take a short wedding trip and after September 15 will be at home on a farm north of Bourbon. May they have a long and happy life is the wish of their many friends.

Gottschalk-Hossler.

Earl Gottschalk and Miss Ethel C. Hossler were united in marriage on Saturday evening, Aug. 19. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Smith at the parsonage of the Reformed church. Both bride and groom are well known and esteemed young people and for the time being will reside with the groom's parents.

MRS. ANDREW ECKERT IN A BAD RUNAWAY

On Sunday forenoon Mrs. Andrew Eckert, who lives several miles north of town, had an exciting runaway. Her horse scared at a bicycle opposite Jerry Klinger's and ran, upsetting the buggy and throwing both Mrs. Eckert and her boy out. Both were badly bruised, though no bones were broken. Mrs. Eckert weighs over 300 pounds, and the fall on her shoulder bruised it quite badly.

The horse ran on into town and did not stop until he reached Brown's hitch barn. Neither horse nor buggy were injured much.

Eracts New Windmill.

Adam Walker, living seven miles southwest of Plymouth, has just erected a new Fairbanks windmill. It will pump 100 barrels of water

SOUTH BEND'S SCHOOL BOARD TO OPEN STORE

**SOCIALISTIC PLAN WHICH
WILL AID CLASSES IN MANY
WAYS WILL BEGIN IN
SEPTEMBER.**

SAVE STUDENTS MONEY

**Frequent Delays For Books In the
Past Will End, and Second Hand
Books Exchanged With-
out Cost.**

(South Bend Tribune)

In order to decrease the expenditures of High school students for text books and to facilitate class work by prompt delivery of texts, a book store will be opened in the High school when the fall term opens on Sept. 11. A resolution establishing the store was adopted by the Board of Education a short time ago and Supt. John A. Wood and Principal F. L. Sims have just completed arrangements for its opening. All the text books used in the school including smaller editions of the classics for class reading, as well as stationary, will be offered for sale at the store. A discount of 10 per cent from the list price of the books will prevail. Should there be any profit accruing from the sale, the money will go for the purchase of additional supplementary and reference books for the school.

In the past considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining text books when wanted and in many instances class work has been delayed. In one instance last term, the work of one class was held up for eight weeks. By the establishment of the new store, it will be possible for books needed for class work to be obtained in a few days, Principal Sims said.

In addition to selling new books, the store will be an exchange for owners of second hand books. These may be taken to the store and resold, without the payment of a commission, as was the case when the second hand book store was operated by students of the school.

The plan is not a new one. In many of the larger cities the scheme has been worked out and in some of the municipalities act only High school books, but grammar school texts, as well, have been sold through school stores. Several cities in Indiana have already adopted the plan.

CURED OF HAY FEVER AT PRETTY LAKE

Mrs. Frank Tanner and son Paul went to Pretty Lake two weeks ago with the hay fever. They are now home entirely cured of that disagreeable and peculiar trouble. Can it be possible that Plymouth's summer re-

THE IDEAL CHURCH

For the country is suggested by the Interdenominational Council by the following:

The idle moments of a church are a waste. Many a church works only three hours a day, only one day a week. Why not make the church the

"NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE?"

the social center, the recreation center, the religious center.

Music, Playgrounds, Traveling Libraries, Athletics, People's Forum, Gymnastics, Debating, Organized Play, Community Interests, Medical Supervision, Civic Festivities, Sanitation, Evening Recreation, Sex Hygiene Classes, Visiting Nurses, Clubs, Boy Scouts.